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### Hair Fading

to find out something about the cost of growing oranges and lemons I could get nothing on the subject that sounded right. One man said if your oranges sell for less than \$1 a box net you are the loser. Another said you can grow the fruit and deliver it to the packing house for 90 cents a box, another 75, another 50, and so on. I am sure this state of affairs does not arise from ignorance, but from a general desire to keep it dark, as many of the growers are shrewd, capable men, and know to a cent the cost of their product. During the present year there have been raised in round numbers perhaps 35,000 cars of oranges and lemons from 75,000 acres, or an average of 160 packed boxes to the acre. This includes all sorts and conditions of orange and lemon groves, from six to twenty years old.

Many of them are on ground that is totally unfit for the purpose, the sooner uprooted the better, but all going to make up the average. So 160 packed boxes is too low. The best crop of navels in this vicinity was slightly above 700 packed boxes to the acre. The poorest yield on land fit for this fruit, fairly well treated, not fertilized, and trees ten years old, was 210 packed boxes to the acre, so I think any person raising oranges who cannot grow 250 boxes per acre has failed of even mediocre results and had better attempt something else.

Lemons can be made to produce slightly more and Valencia oranges slightly less than the above amount. There is a point that is often overlooked, and that is that orange and lemon trees properly cared for will increase in production fully ten per cent per year until twenty-five years old, and probably a great deal longer. Water is figured on the basis of two and one-half cents per hour per inch, and the amount allowed per tree is six hour inches per year. This price is based upon the cost of pumped water in this vicinity. Fertilizer is figured upon the basis of seven and one-half pounds standard commercial goods per tree each year at \$35 per ton. This item can be reduced more than half by green manuring. The

The figures given below are based upon twenty acres, as one man and team can do all the work except picking, which is figured separately. The item of interest on the value of the ranch is not included, as up to the present time and for many years to come the increase in productiveness will more than offset the Interest. The average amount received by the grower this season in this vicinity was slightly over 80 cents per packed box from the Exchange, which handled

here. The prices were considered low, and in fact have been lower but one or two years since the industry was of importance. The prices received for Valencias and lemons are not a fair test of the business, as they are abnormally high this season, some Va-lencias bringing as high as \$5 net to the grower per box, and many lemons higher. Hence the following figures: Man and teams at \$50 per

month	<b>4000.00</b>
Feed for team	200.00
Irrigating water	300.00
Picking 7500 orchard boxes at	
2-1-2 cents per box	187.50
Fertilizer, 71-2 tons at \$35	262.50
Fumigation (every two years)	
per acre	2000.00
Depreciation and wear and	
tear of horses, tools, etc	75.00
Taxes	60.00
Unknowable expenses	100.00

Total for the 20-acre orchard. .\$1985.00 This is practically \$100 per acre. On the basis of an average of 250 boxes per acre, 5000 boxes are grown for about \$2000, or the rate of 40 cents per box.

#### Florida for Hogs.

Probably the hogs mentioned in the item from the Zolfo Advertiser were common native hogs. If they can be made so profitable, a better breed would be much more so. The following is an editorial from the Tampa Times:

The following little local item from the Zolfo Advertiser of the 3d instant is the sort of stuff which shows the progress being made by south Florida farmers in the direction which the Times has been for years earnestly alling their attention:

"Fritz Williams, of Crewsville, had bout 150 head of hogs loaded here for shipment to Tampa yesterday. They were furnished by stock raisers in the Crewsville section and brought four cents per pound, live weight, in the stock pen here.'

Four cents per pound, live weight, delivered at the station, is a very fair price for hogs, and is twice the money they cost the producer. As this paper has continually insisted, Florida can produce as good hogs, and do it as cheaply, as the great recognized hog producing section of the west. Our farmers have only to turn their attention to this branch of industry to become as wealthy and influential as the same class of people in any section of the country.

Those farmers in the vicinity of Crewsville will not have to borrow money to pay their taxes, nor for any other purpose. They are on the right track, and when things get to that stage when every farmer in south Florida will market from ten to two hundred head of fat porkers every year the problem of wealth and prosperity from this part of the state will be fully solved for all time.

It is almost needless to add that there is fully as much, probably more, money in cattle than in hogs. Look about, over every country in this section, and see who are the richest men. With scarcely an exception they are the men who have for years been engaged in raising cattle. Look about the vicinities of the various cities and towns and list the people who are cost of labor, picking, hauling, etc., is well-to-do, who have enough to live with more than comfort, and it will be found that they are those who have diversified their work, who have had a few hogs to sell, who have marketed milk and butter and chickens

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